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From:
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To:
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In Opposition

Thursday, September 30, 2010 4:05 PM
Pierce-Web
Water rate increase-Anthem

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Dear Commissoner Pierce,

I have received and read the information regarding the proposed water rate increase that would affect all Anthem residents.

Last year, my wife and I purchased a home in this area with the intent to retire. My wife is a veteran teacher of 31 years, and I am self employed. It is our plan to retire within the next few years, when we will both will be in our 60's.

If the commission approves this rate increase, we will be forced to re-evaluate living in this area. With prices still declining, combined with exorbitant water rates, selling this house will be difficult at best.

I ask but one thing. Please be fair to all. Our future depends on it.

Thank you,

Mike Souris

Arizona Corporation Commission

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From: Carole Royal , **In Opposition**
Sent: Monday, October 04, 2010 10:04 AM
To: Pierce-Web
Subject: Anthem water increase

I can't believe you are going to allow the almost doubling of the rates. Many of us are just barely hanging on. If the fees must increase, this needs to be extended over many, many years so that it does not have such a huge effect on so many people. Sincerely, Carole Royal

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From:

In Opposition

Sent:

Monday, October 04, 2010 3:01 PM

To:

Pierce-Web

Subject:

An accident with punitive results

Dear Commissioner Pierce,

My name is Mike Souris, and I reside full time in Flagstaff, and have a second home in Anthem. This past Friday, I received my monthly water bill from Arizona American Water. I almost fainted, when I saw that the amount due was \$485.00, especially since no one has been at the house for several months. I contacted a neighbor, who went to our house and discovered a leak in the drip system, then immediately turned off the water.

Today I called Arizona American Water and explained what had transpired. I acknowledged that it was through no fault of theirs, but an untimely accident, and was there anything they could do to adjust the bill. The rate structure is tiered to encourage conservation, along with sewer fees as a percentage. I asked if there was anyway possible they could charge me at the lower level, since this was accidental. I received a prompt "no".

I bring this to your attention, because Arizona American Water is asking for a dramatic increase in their rate structure. What happened to me is terrible, and I am saddled with a humbling fee. This same malfunction could happen to anyone, and if a new rate structure is approved, then some unlucky person may receive a bill two or three times what mine was.

You may want to take this unfortunate situation under consideration when you are considering their request.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Souris

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From: Joe Liberty [joeliberty@cox.net]
Sent: Saturday, October 09, 2010 10:00 PM
To: Pierce-Web
Subject: Power issues

Did you guys at AZCC ever discern the difference between a 'developer' and a property owner who wants to build a house on his own lot ?? I know the "1000 Foot Free Zone" benefit went away since, as APS stated, the "developers were costing too much money". This benefit should be available to the homeowner - as an end user, but not to the former since they are not an end user. In addition to the "1000 Foot Free" what about providing 1500 feet or 2000 feet for a grid tied solar home feeding power back into the grid to encourage more solar homes and include smaller solar farms toward your renewable energy goals in this program as well.

Hmmm . . . provides renewable energy to meet AZCC mandates, creates jobs, puts previously unused land to productive use, generates tax income for the County and State. That's the upside.

But this wouldn't be in the best interest of the large campaign contributors, i.e. APS. A movement of his type would weaken their monopoly.
That's the downside.

I would be willing to bet that by reducing mismanagement and lobbying expenses, APS could easily cover this benefit to the public many times over.

Your thoughts ? ? ?

More on what my efforts have been in the past is on the web site below.

Respectfully,

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From: Marianne Sikler [hemmyscw@fastq.com]
Sent: Saturday, October 09, 2010 7:05 PM
To: Pierce-Web
Subject: Election

Mr. Pierce,

Can we ratepayers count on you to discontinue the practice of consolidating the Arizona American Water Company's rate increase requests in a "bundling" method instead of analyzing each district's rate on its own individual basis? That little ploy is nothing more than social engineering of our utilities, and resulted in a recent unjustified 66% rate increase for Sun City West ratepayers. If you can vow to discontinue such an onerous practice, you have our vote. You should also know ours is not an isolated opinion within our community.

Should we consider a non-reply from you as a No?

Respectfully,
Rudolph and Marianne Sikler
Sun City West

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From: Bettye Ruff [bruff@wwdb.org]
Sent: Tuesday, October 12, 2010 2:27 PM
To: Pierce-Web
Subject: campaign

Mr. Pierce,

Since you are campaigning for re-election to the Corporation Commission, I would like to know where you stand on the Anthem Water Rate issue. In your candidate statement, you stated you wanted to be part of a Commission that was economically feasible.

It is not economic feasibility to double the water rate on senior citizens who rely on Social Security income that will be frozen for the second year.

Thank you, in advance, for your prompt attention.

Bettye Ruff

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From: Bettye Ruff [bruff@wwdb.org]
Sent: Friday, October 08, 2010 5:36 PM
To: Pierce-Web
Subject: Anthem water rate proposed increase

Mr. Pierce,

I want to appeal to you for your consideration in not allowing Arizona American Water Company to increase our water rate fees to cover the Pulte refunds.

There are many widows in Anthem living on Social Security, myself included, who will have to move and/or stop watering their plants. If we let our yards die, we will be fined by the HOA. There are also numerous senior citizen couples who will be impacted the same way.

Unlike widely believed, Anthem is not an affluent community that can absorb this, almost double, increase. There have been and continue to be foreclosures in Anthem and many families are struggling to pay their mortgage and an increase in the already high water rate will only be an additional financial challenge.

Again, thank you for your consideration.

Bettye Ruff